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MEDIA STATEMENT: Christ Church recognised for construction excellence

Christ Church Grammar School was front and centre at the Master Builders Excellence in Construction Awards held at Crown Perth last month receiving two prestigious awards on the night.

The School was awarded *Best Civil Engineering Works* and best *Construction on a Challenging Site* following the major renovation of the School's River Precinct in 2018 to improve its existing boat ramp and safe access for water-based learning activities.

Accepting on behalf of the School on the night, Project Manager Christian Coslani said, "These awards recognise the hard work, recognition and achievement that went into getting this project off the ground. The project was five years in the making, involving substantial design and planning, formal submission processes, and consultations with the School's Building Development Council, Town of Claremont, Swan River Trust and South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council."

"Christ Church celebrates a unique relationship with the river which spans over 100 years, so returning the river to its natural state was of significant importance."

"We have put in place a re-vegetation management plan for the next 10 years and wherever possible, sustainable, environmentally-friendly materials were used throughout the project."

School Principal Alan Jones further commented, "This particular area is of significance to the Whadjuk Noongar people, traditional owners and custodians of the land on which the School stands today."

"At the commencement of the six-month construction period we were delighted to have Senior Whadjuk Elder Cedric Jacobs, Karen Jacobs and the IES Enviro-Scapes team play a special part by conducting a traditional smoking ceremony."

Christ Church Grammar School has now entered into the National MBA Awards and 2019 CCF WA Earth Awards which recognises excellence in all areas of project delivery including construction management, innovation, environmental and social management.

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